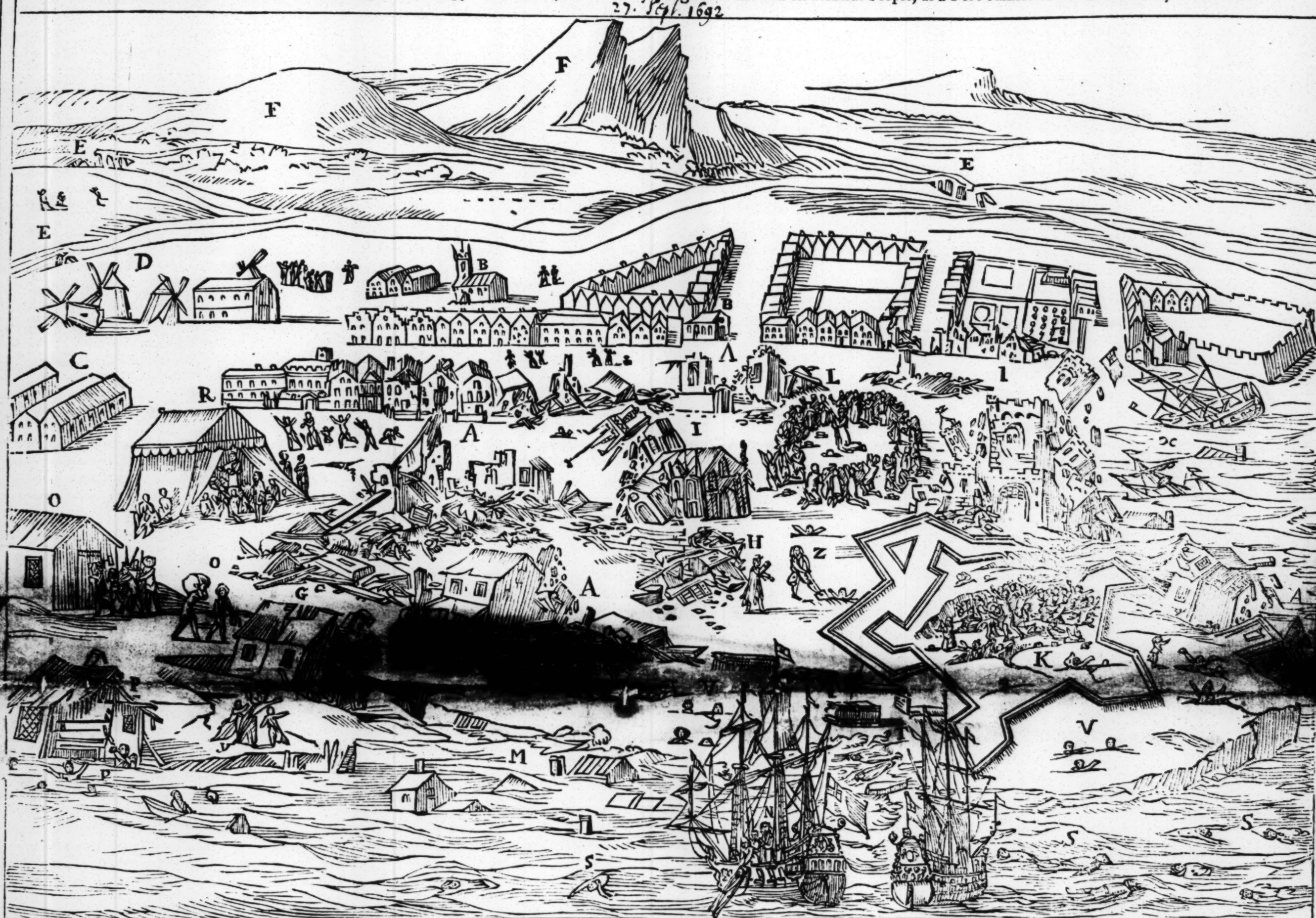


A True and Perfect Relation of that most Sad and Terrible EARTHQUAKE, at Port-Royal in JAMAICA,

Which happened on Tuesday the 7th. of June, 1692.

Where, in Two Minutes time the Town was Sunk under Ground, and Two Thousand Souls Perished: With the manner of it at Large, in a Letter from thence, Written by Captain Crocket: As also of the Earthquake which happen'd in England, Holland, Flanders, France, Germany, Zealand, &c. And in most Parts of Europe: On Thursday the 8th of September. Being a Dreadful Warning to the Sleepy World: Or, God's heavy Judgments shewed on a Sinful People, as a Fore-runner of the Terrible Day of the Lord.



The EXPLANATION.

A. The Houses falling. B. The Churches. C. The Sugar-Works. D. The Mills. E. The Bridges in the whole Country. F. The Rock and Mountains. G. Captain Ruden's House Sunk first into the Earth, with his Wife, and Family. H. The Ground rolling under the Minister's Feet. I. The great Church and Tower falling. K. The Earth Opening and Swallowing Multitudes of People in Morgan's Fort. L. The Minister kneeling down in a Ring with the People in the Street at Prayers. M. The Wharf covered with the Sea. N. Dr. Heath going from Ship to Ship to Visit the bruised People, and do his last Office to the dead Corpses that lay Floating from the Point. O. Thieves Robbing and Breaking open both Dwelling Houses and Ware-Houses during the Earthquake. P. Dr. Trapham, a Doctor of Physick, hanging by the Hands on a Rack of the Chimney, and one of his Children hanging about his Neck seeing his Wife and the rest of his Children a Sinking. Q. A Boat coming to save them. R. The Minister Preaching in a Tent to the People. S. The dead Bodies of some Hundreds floating about the Harbour. T. The Sea washing the dead Carcasses out of their Graves and Tombs, and dashed to pieces by the Earthquake. V. People swallow'd up in the Earth, several as high as their Heads above Ground. W. The Dogs eating of Dead Mens Heads. X. Several Ships Cast away and driven into the very Town. Y. A Woman and her two Daughters beat to pieces one against the other. Z. Mr. Beckford his Digging out of the Ground.

Port-Royal, in Jamaica, June 30. 1792.

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THIS with my Respects to all our Friends, comes amidst an Inundation of the deepest Sorrow, to bring you the Dreadful Account of our Misery and Trouble, tho I presume that before this the unwelcome Tydings are arriv'd at your Ears, of the Dreadful and Terrible Earthquake which happen'd here on Tuesday the 7th. of this Month. About half an Hour after Eleven a Clock in the Morning, the Earth suffer'd a Tremulation or Trembling, which in a Minute's time was increased to that degree, that several Houses began to tumble down, and in a little time after the Church and Tower, the Ground Opening in several Places at once, Swallow'd up Multitudes of People together, whole Streets sinking under Water, with Men, Women and Children in them; and those Houses which but just now appeared the fairest and loftiest in these Parts, and might vie with the finest Buildings, were in a Moment Sunk down into the Earth, and nothing to be seen of them; such Crying, such Shrieking and Mourning I never heard, nor could any thing in my Opinion, appear more Terrible to the Eye of Man: Here a company of People Swallow'd up at once; there a whole Street tumbling down; and in another Place, the trembling Earth opening her Ravenous Jaws, let in the Merciless Sea, so that this Town is become a heap of Ruines; Captain Ruden's House was one of the first that Sunk, with him, his Wife and Family, and several others in it: We have an Account from St. Ann's, that above a Thousand Acres of Wood-land are covered with the Sea, Destroying many Plantations; tumbling down most of the Houses, Churches, Bridges and Sugar-mills throughout this Country; so that those who have saved their Lives have lost all they had; I shall only Instance my self for one, who have lost my Ship, and very considerably other ways but I am very well satisfied because it is the Lord's Doings. In this dreadful Concausion several Ships in the Harbour, were drove into the Town and lost, one whereof was a French Prize, which was drove into the Market place, and there lost: We reckon by the Dreadful Account which is given, that about two Thousand People, Men, Women and Children was lost in this Town. Dr. Trapham, a Physician in this Place, were miraculously saved, by hanging by the Hands upon the

Rack of a Chimney, and one of his Children hanging about his Neck, were both saved by a Boat; but his Wife and the rest of his Children and Family, were all lost: Several People were Swallow'd up of the Earth, when the Sea breaking in before the Earth could Close, were washed up again, and miraculously saved from Perishing: Others the Earth received up to their Necks, and then Clofed upon them and squeeze'd them to Death, with their Heads above Ground, many of which the Dogs Eat; Multitudes of People Floating up and down, having no Burial. The Burying Place at the Pallisadoes is quite Destroyed, the dead Bodies being washed out of their Graves, their Tombs beat to Pieces, and they floating up and down; it is sad to think how we have Suffer'd: The Earth hath still fits of Shaking, with very much Thunder and Lightning, and dreadful Weather; yet, this had little effect upon some People here; that the very same Night they were at their Old Trade of Drinking, Swearing, and Whoring; breaking up Ware-houses; Pillaging and Stealing from their Neighbours, even while the Earthquake lasted, and several of them were destroyed in the very Act; and indeed this Place has been one of the Lustiest in the Christian World, a Sink of all Filthiness, and a meer Sodom. Dr. Heath, the Minister of the Place, has Labour'd very much, being continually employed in Burying the Dead, Chastising of Children, Preaching and Praying with the Bruised, Wounded, and Dying People, going from Ship to Ship to do his Office, as well as on Shore: He has Preached so effectually and powerfully, and laid open the iniquities of Sin so well, that many of the Old Reprobates are become New Converts; those that use to Mock at Sin, Now Weep bitterly for it, and People throng in great Numbers to Hear him; and indeed he is much to be Commended, and deserves Praise from every one, having discharged his Duty like a good Shepherd. The Morning on which the Earthquake happen'd was very Serene, not shewing the least Symptoms of the Dreadful Earthquake which succeeded. The Town is most part of it already cover'd by the Sea, and will in a short time (I believe) be wholly under Water; for those Houses which remain, daily fall to Pieces, the Ground yielding under them. We have not yet a complete List of those lost; but those taken Notice of most, are, Captain General Mulgrove, Provost Marshal Reeves, My Lord Secretary Reeves, Captain Ruden and his Family, Captain Agar, Doctor Boyes, Captain Waile, Captain Warde, and his Family, Mr. Nisball and his Family, Mr. Crofts Family, Mr. Allcock Family,

Captain Wilson and his Son, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Gifford, Doctor Trapham's Family, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Browne, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Ryves and his Wife, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Lamberton, Mr. Atwell, Mrs. Radburn and her Family, Mr. Ryvers and his Family, Mr. Will. Turner, Mr. Mejon and his Family, Mrs. Elyne and her Child, Mrs. Elizabeth Beckford, Sir James Collyby's Daughter, Mrs. Dorrington's Child, Mr. Dempsly, Captain Cuninge, Captain Tokeley, Captain Martin, Captain Woody, Mr. Nalfo, Mr. Meares, Mr. Geo. Phillips, Mr. Norbory's Wife, Mr. Jonathan Wood, Mrs. Crebet, Colonel Reade, Colonel Reeve's Lady, Mr. Magirah, Mr. Joy's Child, Mr. Diggins, Captain Warson, Mr. Stockone and his Family, Mr. Ralph Knight's Widow and Niece. Mrs. Sweetinge, Mrs. Susannah Carlon, Mr. Keene, Mr. Hellinwood and his Family, Mr. John Lake and his Wife, Mr. John Perk's Wife and Child, Mr. Hayward and his Family, Mr. Deane, Mr. William Turner, Mr. Watts, and Mr. Beckford's two Daughters.

Reader, Since the afore said dreadful Earthquake in Jamaica, one has been felt nearer to us, (viz.) On Thursday the Eighth of September it was in the Camp before Dun-krk; it shook his Majesty as he was at Dinner in an Old House, that all in it left it: It was at the same time felt at the Hague in Holland, where it made the Bells Jar in the Steeples; as also at Paris, and several other places in France and Germany; few Places in Europe escaping the direful Effects thereof: In England, at London, Chatham, Strand, Rochester, Sheerness, Portsmouth, and other Places: And at Middlebourg in Zealand, it continued for some time, and was most violent in still Weather; it caus'd the Earth to move like the Waves of the Sea, that the People in the Streets were forc'd to hold by whatever they met with to save themselves: The Sea had the same fate, for the Ships were thrown up and down; and the People were afraid that the Steeple of the Abby by its motions would have tumbled down it caus'd the Bells to strike one against another: And many of the Inhabitants in the Night fled into the Fields, and some into the Country; much damage was done to the Tops of the Houses, Chimneys and Windows, &c. The like has been in Brabant: But we bless God, it did no Harm that we hear of. Then let this be a Warning to us to forsake our ill Courses and mend our Lives, lest Almighty God should deal with us as he has done with those in Jamaica. Amen.

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